



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 5270

Takanori SHINOKI et al.

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Examiner John J. Guarriello

SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: